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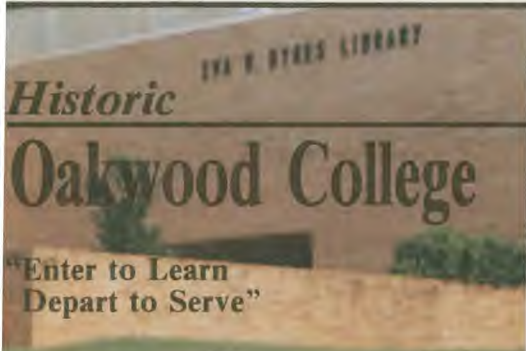


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Dr. Emerson Cooper, chemistry professor in science lab.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE—TODAY'S COLLEGE FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Today's college for tomorrow's leaders—that's more than an idle phrase. Oakwood College has been in the leader making business for 90 years. From its humble beginnings of 4 buildings, 9 abandoned slave cabins, 60 oak trees and 16 students—Oakwood has become a monument to progress with 1,000 or more students enrolled annually and 36 bachelor's degree programs offered. Modern architecture amidst beautiful country side greets you as you enter the college campus. All of this is impressive, but buildings and scenery are only a part of the total mechanism of leadership building.

Leaders are people who have the aura of confident preparedness and assurance that keeps them ahead of the pack and makes them the kind of individuals that others follow. These are the kind of people that Oakwood launches into the world—leaders with a purpose.

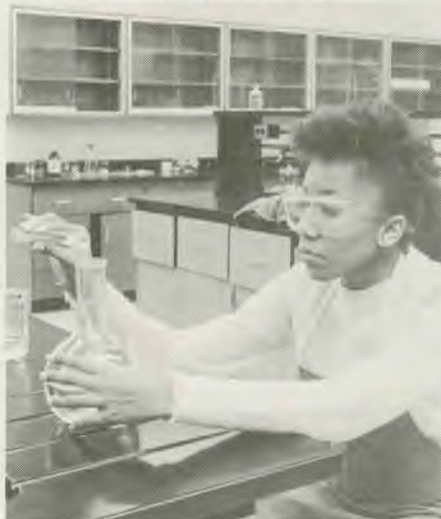
Oakwood College offers the spiritually fortified, academic, social and physical preparation that gives Oakwood graduates the edge in the job market and a special place in society.

Oakwood has broadened its reach to span the globe, touching more than forty nations of the world. From nearby West Indies, Virgin Islands and Bermuda to the sunny coast of Australia, people are finding out about this Christian college. In many nations of Africa, Oakwood gradu-

ates are winning thousands of souls as evangelists apply the skills and techniques learned from the masters of the trade who teach at Oakwood.

Pre-med students are finding that their preparation is paying great dividends as they successfully enter medical schools nationwide, and it's no wonder with award-winning faculty like Dr. Emerson Cooper, a scientist administrator of note.

The Business and Information Systems department is being recognized as one of the best in the denomination and in the state of Alabama. This department packs an impressive arsenal of business tools in its model office laboratory to give hands-on experience. There are: 20 Xerox microcomputers, a Xerox dedicated word processor, and an Ethernet Communications System; and a multi-purpose laboratory equipped with 40 IBM microcomputers, 10 buffers and printers, and an electrahome system—all dedicated to making Oakwood graduates the head and not the tail of the complex world they are facing.



A student experimenting in the science lab.

Success stories are happening all the time at Oakwood College. Take for instance this story about Sharhonda Martin, as told to Alva James, next year's editor of *Spreading Oak*, Oakwood's student newspaper.

Sharhonda Martin, 19, Memphis Tennessee, is no ordinary sophomore at Oakwood College. In fact, she will go down in history as Oakwood's first sophomore to take the Medical Admissions Test (MCAT).

A biology major, with a minor in chemistry, Sharhonda took the MCAT on April 20, 1986. She began preparing in 1985, when she joined a Premedical Reinforcement Program (PREP), which was funded by the UNCF.

"Thanks to the PREP and Stanley Kaplan course, I knew what to expect on the test," she says.

According to Professor Anthony Paul of the Biology department, about 20 students take the MCAT every time that it is offered at Oakwood College. The exam is offered twice per year—in September and April. In the past only juniors and seniors have taken the test.

"Sharhonda is a trendsetter," says Paul. "If the PREP continues, I believe more sophomores will be taking the MCAT."

With two very successful parents who have inspired her, Sharhonda has always dreamed of being a doctor. "It has never been a choice for me, except once I considered being an astronaut," she chuckles.

But her desire to be a doctor has been more than just a dream. She works long and hard to make her dream a reality. Six weeks before the MCAT, she spent 80% of her time studying. "All I dreamed about were formulas. It took me three weeks to get over it," she says. "My friends thought I was crazy."

Still, Sharhonda believes that her friends, family, and teachers are the ones who helped her get through it. While taking the exam, students were in the cafeteria holding hands and praying for her. She says, "I could actually feel the support."

When asked what advice she gives to other sophomores who are interested in taking the MCAT, Sharhonda says, "To take it seriously." She is afraid that some may take it just to experiment.

"Students should not take it just to see what it is like. They must take it to pass, because they may miss the opportunity."

In addition, she explains that confidence is the key to making it work. "Without it I would have placed the test down and gone to the cafeteria," she says.

It can be clearly seen that Oakwood students realize the powerful spiritual support they receive in a Christian college as they strive for academic excellence. But the tone and direction of Christian education is set from the top. Dr. Benjamin Reaves, president of Oakwood College, looks at the major issues facing higher education today and how Oakwood can meet the challenges. "I view Oakwood as standing at the confluence of opportunity. While it is true that higher education generally has encountered traumatic problems, and in many instances bad times, Oakwood College has focused its atten-



A student studying in the college library.

tion on the good thing about bad times or on the opportunity of adversity.

"Sometimes things are taken for granted. It seems most likely to occur with that which is familiar. Unfortunately for many this has occurred in regards to Oakwood. The challenge facing higher education affords us the opportunity to re-study the mission of the college—to relive and recapture the impact of Oakwood's contribution and worth. The contribution of this college to the life and progress of the world church cannot be questioned or denied. It must not be overlooked that historically the growth of the church in North America is seen substantially in those areas where leadership and ministry is staffed by Oakwood graduates. The truth is that an inestimable void would occur without the educational program provided by Oakwood College.

"In addition, adversity has provided the opportunity to take some needed action. By being alert to every possibility, we have trimmed down our working staff to a number commensurate with the need to maintain a quality program. This has been combined with a continuing concern for cost effectiveness which mandates the careful expenditure of resources in strategic reallocation. An example of this is our summer priority which is the sorely-needed refurbishing of the dormitories on campus. Over the years, the residence facilities have suffered from lack of funds to adequately maintain them. This summer a substantial portion of college funds is targeted for repair, redecorating and upgrading of the dormitory facilities.

"Joining with us in this priority is the South Central Conference which at its 40th camp meeting celebration gave

\$10,500.00 toward the dormitory fund. It is hoped that other conferences and churches will take on individual challenges to redecorate specific areas of the campus facilities. We urge the consideration of this by individual church boards and invite their correspondence about their adoption of a dormitory room, a chapel, a laundry room, the student lounge, the president's dining room, etc. The contributions will be acknowledged and recognized by appropriately-placed plaques identifying the contribution and the contributors.

"The challenge of the times also gives us the opportunity to develop a strategy for the future. Oakwood still provides the best bargain in education as its tuition cost is among the lowest in the sisterhood of colleges. This low tuition cost makes available the opportunity of college education for those who otherwise would be priced

out of the experience of receiving higher education in a Christian school. This demands a serious program of endowment building. While we are thankful for the one million dollars in endowment funds acquired through the leadership of Dr. Calvin Rock, and generosity of the General Conference and the Concerned Committee for Christian Education, the reality is that the endowment fund should not be a penny less than 10 million dollars if it is to help provide scholarship assistance for its students.

"It should be reinforced that at Oakwood College this commitment to keep tuition within the reach of all is just one side of the concern. The other side is quality education—rigorous education that broadens thinking and expands horizons, all on the foundation of a Christian world view. An education that truly prepares for participation in the technological present and life in the eternal future.

"Oakwood, located in the nation's second fastest growing high tech area is committed to an academic program that provides a greater responsiveness to the needs and demands of the marketplace, combined with the spiritual and moral undergirding so desperately needed in the business world.

"Finally, adversity provides the opportunity for all who believe in Oakwood to act when it counts most. With a united faculty and staff motivated by a love for their students and their college; with support of our varied constituencies; and with the provision of our heavenly Father, OC looks forward to a glorious future in the enterprise of Christian education, as it continues to be TODAY'S COLLEGE FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS."



Don McPhaul, manager of Oakwood College Station WOCG.

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E.E. Cleveland.

PAT ROBERTSON'S RUN

Pat Robertson's run for the President of the United States is no joke. Pat is the founder and central figure of the '700 Club'. This T.V. program is a serious mixture of religion, politics and sociology. Its viewers number in the millions. Its religion, politics, and social stance is ultra-conservative. He promises to continue the Reagan political agenda and to bring more religion into our government. He declares that the objective of the founding fathers of this nation was to establish a nation under God, based on Christian principles.

Pat may not make the Presidency, but his run for it may condition the nation for something few people expect. The rhetoric itself can be most confusing.

The truth is, the early Pilgrims were running from a church dominated political system, when they came here. They were not clear about what they wanted, but they were very clear about what they were fleeing. Proof of their early confusion was the fact that had set up a form of government that was itself coercive. People were jailed for working on Sunday, and for not going to church. Once Roger Williams fought to overturn that. He won his fight and the purpose of this new government was redefined. No laws were passed that would require religious exercise. In short, the state could not legislate in matters of religion, nor, would the church dominate in the affairs state. This policy became known as 'separation of Church and State'.

Pat Robertson says that there never was such a policy in American history. He says that America is a 'Christian Nation' essentially and must be brought back to the good old days.

Question, Pat, which branch of Christianity would you make legal in America? Now we know the name of the church-state combination that made the Pilgrims flee Europe to find this nation. It was the dominant Roman Catholic Church.

The issue must be made clear. Americans are now free to practice any religion they choose, or none at all. The government refuses to legislate the first 4 Commandments of the Decalogue, defining them as matters of conscience. These by the way, are Christian principles, namely religious freedom.

Jesus Christ stated that the good news of the Kingdom must be spread by preaching. Human legislation is ill-fitted for this purpose. The bloody pages of European history reveal the bankruptcy of a church dominated state. Millions lost their lives who dissented from the teachings of the State-Church. Preachers and Popes just don't make good politicians. And politicians don't make good preachers. Preachers ought to quit trying to run the government, and politicians ought to keep hands-off the church.

What the Constitution now says is that religious legislation is unconstitutional. Pat Robertson doesn't agree with this. Christian politics may indeed occupy public office. But laws that would compel the conscience in religious matters must not be tolerated. When we barter this precious freedom away, we have sold our birthright for a mess of 'pottage.'

'Separation of church and state' is not communism, it is common sense. State control of religion put Shadrach in the fiery furnace and Daniel in the lion's den. It sent thousands of first century Christians to their deaths in the Collosium and Circus Maximus. And its victims during the Middle Ages can only be estimated. So watch the political rhetoric during the next few months. Don't be fooled by the verbal sophistry. We don't need more Christianity in government, we do need more Christians in office. Such men and women will be fair to dissenters and sinners. For all are citizens of this fair land.

E. E. Cleveland

ATTENTION: ADVENTIST WOMEN

Have you ever wondered how people get jobs in denominational work? Do you feel your talents and skills are underutilized? Here is one way to take a first step.

Write or call for a copy of the data bank form, fill it out and send it in. The address and telephone number are:

Ms. Elizabeth Sterndale
6840 Eastern Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20012
Tel. 202-722-6712

Your qualifications will be entered in the new General Conference Data Bank for women, and considered when openings occur in your area.

Elder Neal Wilson at the General Session in Dallas, Texas, April 17, 1980 urged the women of the church to utilize all their talents and skills in the cause of God to finish the work. The Data Bank is designed to include women who are already denominationally employed, non-denominationally employed, as well as presently unemployed women.

ALLEGHENY EAST

STUDENTS VISIT THE NATION'S CAPITOL

Seventh and eighth graders of the Sharon Temple Junior Academy in Wilmington, Delaware, obtained a different view of Washington, D.C., during their recent weekend trip. The trip provided them an opportunity to learn about Adventism, history and government as well as get insight as to what college dormitory life is like.

Upon arriving in the Washington, D.C., area on Friday morning, they received an in-depth look at Adventism by visiting the General Conference headquarters and the Ellen G. White Estates. By mid morning the students were walking through the White House, Ford's Theater and the House Where Lincoln Died. Capitol Hill and the F.B.I. Building were the focus of attention for the afternoon. Their visit to the F.B.I. captured the attention of everyone in their hour long tour of the operations and work of this investigative agency.

Accommodations and meals were provided at Columbia Union College. Friday evening vesper found the students worshipping in the Sligo Church on the college campus.

Sabbath morning, the students attended Sabbath School and church at the 1300 member Dupont Park Church in Washington, D.C. Surprisingly, it was the Consecration Sabbath for the eighth grade class of the Dupont Park Elemen-

tary School. STJA students were able to witness another church school's program. (Their own graduation being only one week away.)

Sunday dawned earlier than the group anticipated. A visit to Howard University and the home of Frederick Douglas provided them with a knowledge of their own ethnic background and heritage. The afternoon provided the students an opportunity to visit the various national monuments, and a portion of the Smithsonian Institute. The highlight of the day was the magnificent viewing of the changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery.

Charles D. Battles
Principal

SHARON TEMPLE FOCUSES ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Is the young man Absalom safe?" was the key text of Elder Conrad Gill, principal of Pine Forge Academy, during Education Day held recently at Sharon Temple in Wilmington, Delaware. Pine Forge Academy was the special guest for the day. They participated in the divine worship service and AY program. A musical group 'Joint Effort' sang during the morning service along with school choir of Sharon Temple Junior Academy. The seventh and eighth grade class served as elders on the platform. Fifth and sixth graders served as the deacons and the lower grades served as the ushers.

The importance of Adventist Christian education was emphasized in the message of Elder Gill. It has never been and never will be safe to send our young people to the schools of the world and expect them to grow up and become strong Seventh-day Adventists. The role models, values and ideals in public schools conflict with teachings, models, values, and ideals of Adventism.

The Home and School Association under the leadership of Mrs. Fay Clark, served dinner to the entire church family and guest after the morning service in the lower auditorium.

'The Pine Forge Hour' was the theme for the AY program Sabbath afternoon. Mr. Michael Jones, English instructor at PFA coordinated the program that featured three musical groups: 'Joy', 'The Wheels of Harmony' and 'Joint Effort.' Many students from the Wilmington area were represented in the groups.

Charles D. Battles

The Editor's Desk

DOTTICE BROWN RECEIVES AWARD

Ms. Dottice Brown, wife of Elder James Brown and a member of the Bronx Church, Bronx, N.Y. was the recipient of Outstanding Black Achiever in Industry Award, by the Harlem Branch of the YMCA.

Mrs. Brown, a native of Jamaica, West Indies, has been an employee of the New York Telephone Company since 1969. She received a B.S. in Business Administration from Fordham University and is currently in her second year as a trainee in the company's Management Candidate Development Program.

Mrs. Brown is a former member of the Grand Concourse SDA Church, Bronx, N.Y., where she founded, edited and published a church newsletter for five years; she also served as president of the Pathfinder Parents Association

which provides recreational activities for youth. She is currently a member of the School Board at the R.T. Hudson Elementary School, Home & School Leader and Education Secretary in the Bronx Church.

As an employee in the telephone company she has always been active in company activities like the Pioneers, Junior Achievement and the Blood Bank, to name just a few.

Dottice is mother to daughter, Yanic, and two very active boys, Bradford and Lyndon. She skillfully balances workday commitments with after hours dedication to her family, her church work and her neighborhood. It was for these contributions to her job and her community that Dottice was chosen as an Outstanding Black Achiever in Industry.

Myrtle Pickett
Communication Secretary

SUNSET CALENDAR

	July 25	Aug. 1	8	15
Boston, Mass.	8:11	8:04	7:55	7:46
New York City	8:21	8:09	8:00	7:51
Buffalo, N.Y.	8:44	8:36	8:27	8:18
Atlanta, Ga.	8:43	8:38	8:32	8:24
Miami, Fla.	8:11	8:07	8:02	7:56
Charlotte, N.C.	8:33	8:27	8:20	8:13
Birmingham, Ala.	7:52	7:47	7:41	7:33
Jackson, Miss.	8:04	7:59	7:53	7:46
Memphis, Tenn.	8:09	8:04	7:57	7:49
Louisville, Ky.	8:59	8:53	8:47	8:37
Detroit, Mich.	9:00	8:53	8:44	8:35
Chicago, Ill.	8:16	8:09	8:00	7:51
South Bend, Indiana	8:24	8:03	7:55	7:45
Minneapolis, Minn.	8:48	8:40	8:31	8:20
St. Louis, Mo.	8:18	8:12	8:04	7:55
Kansas City, Mo.	8:37	8:30	8:23	8:14
Denver, Co.	8:20	8:13	8:06	7:57
Little Rock, Ark.	8:18	8:11	8:05	7:57
Dallas, Texas	8:31	8:26	8:20	8:13
New Orleans, La.	7:58	7:54	7:47	7:42
Albuquerque, N.M.	8:15	8:10	8:03	7:55
Oklahoma City, Okla.	8:40	8:34	8:27	8:20

Add one minute for each 13 miles west; subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.

MOUNT OLIVET BURNS MORTGAGE

After 14 years of sacrificing and fund raising, the Mount Olivet Seventh-day Adventist Church in Neptune, New Jersey was able to have a special Sabbath Celebration, as they dedicated their church debt free and burned the mortgage.

The Mount Olivet Church family has a long history dating back to Depression days. It has had a long list of outstanding pastors including J.H. Wagner, Sr., the first president of the Allegheny Conference; W. W. Fordham, retired General Conference worker; R.L. Bradford, Sr., father of NAD President C.E. Bradford; D. L. Davis, Allegheny East Conference Youth Director; A.R. Jones, Allegheny East Conference Personal Ministries and Family Life Director; and father of W.C. Scales, Jr., of the General Conference.

Four of the former pastors were able to participate in the celebration. They were W.W. Fordham, who drove all the way from Kansas City, Missouri, where he presently pastors the Beacon Light SDA Church; W.C. Scales, Sr. and A.R. Jones.

Ronald Edmonds is the present pastor of the Mount Olivet Church.

Mount Olivet boasts of being the little church that produces leaders for the work



M.C. Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference president delivers the sermon for special mortgage burning ceremony.

of God, as a number of persons who have held or presently hold positions in the Adventist church either grew up in the Mount Olivet Church or pastored there.

Dr. Elaine Greenwood, who serves as treasurer of the church officiated at the mortgage burning segment. She, however, elected to give the privilege of lighting the match to Mrs. J. Polite, who, along with her daughter, drove all the way from Florence, South Carolina to be present at the ceremony.



Mount Olivet Church in Neptune, New Jersey.

Elder M.C. Van Putten, President of Allegheny East Conference joined in the celebration.

Elder Robert L. Booker, Allegheny East Conference Sabbath School Director and Director of Communication also participated as the official photographer. Elder Booker grew up in the Mount Olivet Church.

Pastor Edmonds encouraged his church to continue to evangelize and grow. The Mount Olivet Church has grown from 19 to over 200 members during the years.

HARRISBURG OLYMPIANS—CAPITAL CHAMPIONS

Twenty-five athletes from the Hillside SDA Church of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, participated in the recent 18th Annual AY Olympics sponsored by the Youth Department of the Allegheny East Conference.

This group from the capital city of Pennsylvania were among the hundreds who participated from the churches of the Al-

legheny East Conference. The event was held on the track of the Takoma Academy and drew over 800 spectators.

This was the first time in several years that Harrisburg had participated. Pastor Gaylord Brown and his athletes trained for four weeks. Their training paid off and they were the winners of gold and bronze medals in several categories.

Gold medal winners were: Ron Riley in the male 16 to 35 softball throw; Raymond Simpkins in the male 12 to 15 weightlifting and Taju Burden in the female 12 to 15 softball throw. Mrs. Jackie Brown, the pastor's wife, also won the gold medal in the female 16 to 35 softball throw. The bronze medal winners were: Kim Forney for the 16 to 35 female 100 meter dash and Joseph Powell for the bicycling competition.

The Hillside volleyball team received a trophy for their second place finish.

R. Gaylord Brown
Pastor



Pastor Brown poses with Harrisburg gold medalists. Jackie Brown is third from left.

CENTRAL STATES



Dr. Valerie E. Chow, M.D.

HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE

The members of Bethel church in Kansas City, Kansas, are extremely proud of the achievements of their young people. We would like to feature two of them today: Dr. Valerie E. Chow, M.D. and Lieutenant Commander Clara Henderson of the United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Valerie Chow is now practicing medicine at Bethany Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Chow is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chow and the granddaughter of Mrs. Veronica Ford-Grayson, all members of the Bethel church.

Dr. Chow is an accomplished musician on the piano and violin. She has been involved with music since the age of three. She actively serves in the church as a pianist and as part of the medical staff. She is married to Donald Gardener and has one son, Donald Joseph.

Lt. Commander Clara Henderson came to Bethel from the South Atlantic Conference. She attended Oakwood College



Lietenant Commander Clara Henderson.

and Columbia Union College. She received her M.S.N. degree from the Medical College of Augusta, Georgia. She has been commissioned Lieutenant Commander of the United States Health Service.

Clara also is an active member of the Bethel church serving on the medical staff and as Personal Ministry secretary. Clara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Henderson.

Mazie Mitchell
Communication Secretary

A FAREWELL PROGRAM

A farewell program was given to G. H. Taylor and his family Saturday night, March 22, at the Park Hill SDA church in Denver, Colorado, his birthplace. Testimonials were given by Albert Groves, Gerald Christmas, and Glenwood Bryant of Community SDA Church, along with Thelma Butler. Program highlights included musical selections from the Master of Ceremonies Daryl Robinson; a youth singing group, Just A Portion, Terry Coleman, a poem recited by George Nealy, and a gift from the church presented by Albert Groves.

Elder Taylor and his family will be relocating in Kansas City, Missouri, where he will serve as pastor and Sabbath School Director for the conference.

Ivory Chalmers
Communication Secretary



Elder and Mrs. G.H. Taylor and their four daughters receiving a plaque from Pastor G.A. Bryant of the Denver Community Church.

THE TORCH HAS BEEN PASSED

Omaha Sharon church was blessed April 12, with the introduction of their new pastor E. Slocumb, Jr. Pastor Slocumb was introduced to the waiting congregation by their former pastor, W.S. Lee. The Gospel Tones, a new quartet at the church, gave special music to welcome Elder Slocumb and family.

Gordon B. Sims, Sr.
Communication Secretary



Elder E. Slocumb, Jr. receiving the "torch" from former pastor Elder W.S. Lee.

COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

Sabbath, April 5, was special day in the history of the Kinloch church. This was our spring Community Guest Day and many friends came to worship with us. Among the distinguished guests in our midst was the Mayor of Kinloch, the Honorable Bernard Turner. During the worship service he read a proclamation declaring that day as Seventh-Day Community Guest Day in Kinloch and also related that as a boy he attended our church weekly with a deceased member.

The message of the hour was delivered by our pastor, Elder B.T. Rice who spoke about the significance of the the Sabbath observance. The day came to an end during the AY hour as we were blessed with the Fiddmont Singers in concert.

Leon Martin
Communication Secretary

PARK HILL HOLDS ANNUAL YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

The Spring Week of Prayer for the Denver Park Hill church was held March 15-21. Each night youth led out in the services. The theme of the week was "Do you know Christ?"

Each night a youth delivered a challenging message. Mark Paris opened the Week of Prayer on Sabbath and the other speakers were Nola Owens, Daryl Robinson, Myron Nealy, Matthew Paris, Kim Taylor and Earnest Williams.

CRUSADE IN COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Elder Reginald O. Robinson, the Associate Director/Speaker of the Breath of Life Telecast, is a native of Washington, D.C., and an alumnus of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland. His pastoral ministry in the Allegheny East Conference included churches in

southern Maryland, northern New Jersey and finally in Baltimore, Maryland.

In January of 1982, Elder Robinson joined the Breath of Life staff as Director of Field Services and Evangelist. In 1985 he was asked to serve in his present position for the Breath of Life. Elder Robinson engages regularly in evangelistic crusades and weeks of prayer throughout North America. He and his lovely wife, Pat, are the proud parents of three (3) daughters: Lisa, Tia and Kelli.

Elder Robinson will be sponsored by the Central States Conference to conduct a evangelistic series in Columbia, Missouri this summer. God's blessing is already evident in the "Plains."



Elder Reginald O. Robinson, Associate Director/Speaker, Breath of Life Telecast.

LAKE REGION

CAPITOL CITY CHURCH SCHOOL HONORS GRANDPARENTS

The Capitol City Church School faculty and students, set aside March 26, 1986 to honor grandparents.

The special program began with a grand march. The grandparents, parents and visitors were asked to gather in the hallway leading into the gym. The students accompanied each of their grandparent, parent and/or visitor into the gym as Mrs. Barbara Curley played a lively tune on the piano.

The gym was beautifully decorated depicting a Caribbean theme. Coconut palm trees swayed in the imaginary breeze, a giant-size bunch of grapes and bananas hung from above, tropical flowers were in abundance at strategic places, and a large mural of lush greenery and a lovely cascading waterfall occupied one wall. With just a bit of imagination one could easily place themselves on a beautiful Caribbean island.

The program consisted of musical selections from the school choir and poems about grandparents from Mrs. Curley's class.

Two lovely flower planters were presented to the grandparents who occupied the special seats and all grandparents were presented potted plants as a token of love from their grandchildren. Special care was taken to insure that everyone (including visitors) received a love token.

Grandparents were then taken on an imaginary cruise to Nassau, Bahamas with Dorothy J. Davis as tour director. As the passengers boarded the make-believe cruise ship, they received colorful leis and long stemmed carnations. The guest speaker for this program was Mrs. Susie Davies, Assistant to Indianapolis Mayor, William H. Hudnut, III. Mrs. Davies spoke of the love displayed by the students and teacher in their planning and presentation of the program honoring grandparents. She said how easily we sometimes forget that our grandparents kept us when we could not keep ourselves; they made room for us when there was no room. Mrs. Davies said, "Grandparents possess a God-given treasure of wisdom and knowledge." She also commended Jerome Davis, pastor of Capitol City, and the school faculty for their

promotion of Christian Education. A tasty lunch was served of sandwiches, salads, cake and fruit punch.

Capitol City Church School provides education for 49 students in grades one through eight. Edwin Davis, principal, is assisted by two other teachers, Barbara Curley, and Mike Monette. Mrs. Brenda Simpson serves as secretary.

Capitol City church is rich with talented members. For this special program, Principal Edwin Davis enjoyed the assistance of Dorothy J. Davis (wife of the pastor) who provided many of the decorations and assisted the teachers and volunteers. Dorothy A. Davis, (wife of the principal, Edwin Davis), assisted in planning the program, special effects, and the narration of a humorous skit, 'Those Golden Years', featuring Mrs. Maxine Bethea as main character. Other individuals who volunteered their services and participated in the program were Mattie Maxwell, Diane Burt, and Liz Joseph.

This special day, marked the fourth year for celebration of Grandparents Day at the Capitol City School. It was started by Mrs. Maxine Bethea. Contributions for the program was a joint effort of teachers and parents.

Elder Davis provided closing remarks congratulating Principal Davis and his staff for an outstanding program. Principal Davis and his staff are much aware of the solemn responsibility they face in the education and training of the youth in the school. Christian education and the Capitol City School are high on the priority list of Elder Davis, Edwin Davis and his staff and the Capitol City Church members. The short and long range goals are continued improvement in the quality of Christian education.

Grandparents are very special. Have you told your grandparents that you love them lately?

Charli Cartwright
Communication Secretary

WE CARE

The Chicagoland Community Service spring Federation was held on April 6, at 10:00 a.m. at the Maywood Community church in Maywood, Illinois. Edward Avinger is the pastor of this church and Gladys Brown is the Community Service leader.

The meeting was started with a rousing song service, inspirational prayers and the scripture reading which was found in Acts 3:1-10. The members of the federa-

tion joined their voices in the singing of their theme song, 'They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love.'

When the attendance was taken, 129 members were present from 17 area churches. These members had come together to make plans for showing people in the communities that 'we care.'

Mrs. Dollie Williams, president of the Chicagoland Federation, challenged her fellow members with the importance of establishing a centrally located Community Service Center building and warehouse. She also shared with the ladies, the importance of organizing groups of volunteers from all twenty-six churches which compose the membership of this federation. Sister Williams states, "We are trying to recruit young people, women and men, who will participate in the project to show people that we are a caring church."

In addition to these challenges, Dollie Williams asked the churches to support Hands Across America on May 26, by uniting their funds and reporting them under the umbrella of Chicagoland Federation of Seventh-day Adventist churches.

In response to this suggestion, some fifty Community Service members responded to the call and participated in the Hands Across America extravaganza.

The question, 'Does Jesus Care?', was asked in song as Michael Willis sang this special number during the Federation meeting.

Lillie Bonner, Federation Vice-President, and program coordinator, introduced Gussie Echols and Valerie Harding who gave their reports on the workings of their community service outreach project for unwed parents. They reported on workshops which they've given to unite these parents and help them in caring for their offspring.

Another report was given by Michael McCullough, director of a food distribution center, on feeding the needy through FEMA. This program is financed by government agencies and available to all community service pantries if the Federation shows it is united in its efforts.

The Community Service Federation can also display talent through their singing. They combined their voices when they sang 'The Lighthouse.'

Clara Warren, the Federation secretary was able to give a review of the past month's activities through her secretary's report.

After a presentation of special music from members of the Sharon-Milwaukee

Church, the main message of the day was given by Carlos Blake Jr., a Seminary student from Andrews University. The title of his message was 'Give As You Have'. It was based on The scripture reading, Acts 3:1-10. Pastor Blake admonished the members present to pattern their activities after such biblical characters as Peter, who spent much of his time doing for others.

The speaker advised the members of the Federation to remember the '7-Ups', Wake up, Wash up, Clean up, Dress up, Sober up, Speak up and Straighten up. "We should be ambassadors for Christ, who are out serving the needs of His people."

One of the closing activities for this group took place when Dorthea Martin led out in the singing of 'Happy Birthday' to everyone who had celebrated a birthday from October 1985 through April, 1986.

The Chicagoland Community Services Federation is an active group. Between the area meeting times, various church groups are working like beavers trying to let the community know that surely they are a Federation of caring people.

Clara B. Warren
Secretary



Mrs. Sue Johnson.

HALLEY'S COMET SEEN FOR SECOND TIME BY SUE JOHNSON

Despite predictions that the 85-86 showing of Halley's Comet would be rather unspectacular, astronomers became excited when this famous comet suddenly brightened in late 1985. The re-

appearance of Halley's Comet after 76 years, whipped up interest among young and old.

A few individuals have lived to tell their experience of having seen Halley's Comet 76 years ago. Capitol City church as one such individual, J. Sue Johnson. Sister Johnson recalls her father calling the family outside to view this wonder. She was fourteen years of age at the time. She said it was a beautiful sight. Sister Johnson will be 90 years old. in July. She thanks God for the blessing of long life and reasonable health.

Charli Cartwright

BENEFIT CONCERT AT SHORTRIDGE JR. HIGH SCHOOL

The Echoes of Faith Gospel Choir, featuring Ms. Angela Brown, presented a benefit concert at the Shortridge Jr. High School auditorium on April 27.

The concert opened with the audience singing the Black National Anthem, 'Lift Every Voice and Sing'.

Angela, (fondly called Angie), was radiant in a deep rose dress of layered fringe. During the second half of the concert she changed into a stunning black creation.

Following a number from the Echoes of Faith Choir, Angie held the audience spellbound with two dynamic gospel numbers. She was in extraordinarily good form. Her voice was powerful and expressive. She was also skillful and charming with her friendly, and sometimes amusing stage manner. As she sang the audience repeatedly broke into applause. The Echoes of Faith Choir were also in good form and received strong applause from the audience.

Angie is a relatively new convert to Adventism and brings to the Capitol City Church exceptional talent and a strong desire to be used by God.

Diane Reed, President of Echoes of Faith, said this concert was sponsored to aid the Capitol City church school. The auditorium was filled to capacity. The evening was truly one to be remembered. Angie and the Echoes of Faith Choir received a well deserved ovation at the close of the concert.

Charli Cartwright
Communication Secretary

PRAISE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Lamar Campbell and Praise recently celebrated their Fourth Year Anniversary at the Capitol City Church in Indianapolis.

The Young Adult Choir of the Magazine Street SDA church in Louisville, Kentucky were the guest artists. The program also featured The Echoes of Faith Choir, Flames of Joy, Joy Youth Choir, and the Burning Bush Quartet all from Capitol City. Perry Broadnax, of WGRT-AM was Master of Ceremonies.

Lamar founded 'Praise' in 1982 and has continued as the director. The testimony of Lamar and Praise follows: "We wanted to express in a very tangible way the goodness of God to us, to share our joy with others and to be an instrument used by God. The Bible says in Psalms 66, 'Sing forth the honor of His name: Make His praise glorious.' We joined ourselves together praying for blessings to be showered down upon us. Our beginnings were tentative and humble, our expectations sure and abundant, our voices soft and shaky. Our spirit soared to the heights; and so 'Praise' was born with a dream and a hope and a prayer to make His praise glorious."

There were a few different members in the early days of 'Praise', but the hope was the same, —"Let me be a blessing to someone today, dear Lord. We have grown, and in our growing we have changed; we have cried, we have prayed, we have studied, we have loved, we have married, we have traveled, we have moved, we have learned, we have laughed, we have sung. All we have done, we owe to the goodness of God. We placed our faith in God and He has brought us a mighty long way. He said He would give us every good thing and so we asked for His blessings and for the give of song.

"We have shared God's miracle with thousands of people in many cities in the Midwest, the South and the East. We have sung to senior citizens in nursing homes, children in detention homes, we have sung to congregations as small as four and to throngs as large as forty-thousand. We have sung from Norfolk, Virginia to Chicago, Illinois, and from Atlanta, Georgia to Toronto, Canada. Our goal and aim is to go where the Lord sends us. We don't know what lies ahead for us, but we look forward with great anticipation to more miracles from God." The other members of Praise are Debera C. Lumsey, Marilyn G. Monette, Flora M. Russell, L. Velita Shand and Brenda Simpson. Diane Reed is the Public Relations Director for Praise and has given invaluable assistance to the group.

NORTHEASTERN



Avis Carethers, Berea church, Dorchester, 1985.

A MOTHER'S DAY SALUTE

In keeping with Mother's Day celebration, we salute Avis Carethers who on May 18, 1985 was ordained by Pastor John Nixon as the first female elder of Berea. She is also the first to be approved by the Northeastern Conference. Elder Carethers has traveled extensively throughout the United States and has been a spiritual 'mother' to hundreds of Blacks, Whites and Hispanics.

Prior to coming to Berea, Elder Carethers worked in New York at the Jamaica Church which she calls her "baby church." This church was organized after a tent effort by Elder E.E. Cleveland. As the Sabbath School Superintendent, Elder Carethers was responsible for training about 400 new converts.

Elder Carethers also worked as a Bible Instructor at Rochester, New York for over fourteen years. She is well known in the Northeastern Conference Office for she was an advertising agent for the Literature Evangelists there. She has also been a camp cook at Victory Lake for 20 years.

Currently she teaches the New Believers Class at Berea. This class has an enrollment of 55 members whom she calls her 'children.' This year her class was very outstanding in the Message Magazine Campaign by contributing over 300 subscriptions. In 1985, the class raised \$3,000 for investment. At a dinner held to honor her class for this great achievement, Elder Carethers crowned Betty Jones 'Investment Queen.' Ms. Jones has contributed \$1,000 to investment.

In addition to her duty as Bible Instructor, Elder Carethers also conducts

a training class every Sunday evening for all those who wish to become Bible Instructors. When asked what has given her, her deep inner strength and has kept her faithful throughout the years, she gives her favorite verse and song. Her favorite verse is 'I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help.' (Ps.121:1,2) Her favorite song is 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.'

Elder Carethers' family record as long-standing Adventists is noted in Louis B. Reynold's book, WE HAVE TOMORROW.

Gemma Williams
Communication Secretary

HARLEM TRAILBLAZERS HONOR FOUR

Harlem Trailblazers Community Service, Inc. honored four very special individuals on Sunday, June 8th at a Testimonial Luncheon at the Vista International Hotel in New York City. The honorees were Sybil Gooden, Asst. Registrar for Lehman College, Bronx, NY, and treasurer for the Concerned Committee for Christian Education; Clement Murray, pastor of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, New York City; John Nixon, pastor of the Hanson Place Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brooklyn, NY, and Myrtle Smith, Bible Instructor for the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brooklyn, NY.

Henrietta Jackson, Mistress of Ceremonies and Denzil Bridges, Master of Ceremonies added the final touches of class and wit to the excellent program planned by Atty. Eardell J. Rashford, Program Chairman and Planning Committee members. Edwin J. Humphrey, pastor of the Jefferson Avenue S.D.A. Church in Rochester, NY, gave the main address. Annette Wilson, Darlene Simmons and Edwina Humphrey performed several musical selections throughout the program including an original song that was dedicated to the honorees.

Distinguished guests included: the Honorable Myles M. Matthews, District Leader-70th Assembly District, New York City; Elder Harold Baptiste, Executive Secretary, Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and Dr. George R. Earle, former president of Northeastern Conference.

A personal touch was added as family members and biographers shared golden nuggets of information about the honorees.

The Trailblazer Award for "Excellence in Human and Community Relations" was



Honoree Pastor Clement Murray, stands with wife Janice Murray, as Elder G.R. Earle makes presentation.



Honoree, Mrs. Sybil Gooden, receives presentation from Elder Otis Seary of Ephesus Church, New York City. Mr. Willie Gooden, honoree's husband, and chairman of the Concerned Committee for Christian Education at right. Seated is Elder Denzil Bridges of the Ephesus Church and Master of Ceremonies for the evening.



Honoree Mrs. M. Smith, seated between grandson, Anthony Patterson, (1), and Elder E.J. Humphrey.



Honoree, Pastor John Nixon and his wife Januwoina.

presented to the honorees by Mr. Charles Gadsden, President of Trailblazers and Mr. John Tillman, Chairman of the Trailblazers' Board of Directors.

Mrs. Gooden, Pastor Murray, Pastor Nixon and Mrs. Smith were all most appreciative of the honor bestowed on them. They also highly commended Trailblazers, which is an Adult Education Center, for the excellent work they are doing in the Harlem Community.

Mr. Joseph Merriweather, General Coordinator, expressed words of appreciation to everyone who worked diligently to make this bi-annual event a most memorable occasion.

Caroline Jones
Correspondent

BRONX CHURCH CELEBRATES LADIES DAY

On Sabbath, May 10, the ladies of the Bronx Church, Bronx, New York, celebrated Ladies Day in conjunction with Mother's Day. The program was spearheaded by Mr. Patrecia Langley and a committee of workers who believe that women have a place of service in the church.

Ms. Sybil Bent, a graduate of West Indies Training College, Manderville, Jamaica, W.I. and a registered nurse, was the guest speaker for the day. Ms. Bent is a member of the Bronx Church and has, over the years, served as Sabbath School Superintendent, Sabbath School teacher and Stewardship secretary. During the years, Ms. Bent has shown a natural inclination towards expounding the Scriptures.

In her sermon, Ms. Bent focused on outstanding women of the Bible, and reminded the women of today of their responsibilities to God and to Mankind. In her appeal she invited the ladies to rededicated their lives to God.

The program began during the Sabbath School hour with Ms. Mary McNeil, Sabbath School Superintendent, in charge of the program. Ms. Delores Ward was the soloist for the Sabbath School and the divine hour.

Special presentations were made to five ladies chosen as worthy recipients for 1986. They were: Ms. Hilda Jacobs, a member who influenced the life of Ms. Pickett and her family since they joined the church twenty-five years ago; Ms. Mildred Lindsay, a Good Samaritan in the truest sense to young people like Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wilkins and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McGeachy. Mrs. Elaine Brown, leader of the Prayer band, whose Christlike manner was described by Mrs. Jane Palmer, and Ms. Geneva Upshur; a lover of young people over the years, whose influence was far-reaching, as recounted by Mr. B. Williams and Ms. Constance Tyson, one of the pioneers of the church whose contributions were extolled by Ms. Loma McKinnon.



Sybil Bent, guest speaker on Ladies Day, May 10, 1986.

Special mention was made of Dottice Brown and Audrey Nichols, recipients of community awards. Ms. Brown, a manager in Finance and Control at the New York Telephone Company was named as an Outstanding Black Achiever in Industry, for dedication to her professional and community responsibilities. Ms. Nichols was also given an award for her continuous contribution to her community.

The afternoon program featured the Ladies Chorale from the City Tabernacle Church, under the direction of Mrs. Doris Burton, and The Huie Family.

Myrtle Pickett
Communication Secretary

A CHURCH ON THE MOVE

Our church has been blessed with the leadership of Pastor S.W. Stovall. Since his coming to the church, his untiring effort and faithful perseverance has made Sharon a church on the move.

The first step was when some of the members banded together and gave the church a face-lift. With donations from the membership and the loyal and unstinting labor of the workmen, an outstanding job was done to the front of the church. This effort drew the attention and admiration of the people of the community, and there have been good reports in the neighborhood regarding the church's activities.

Another successful experience for the church was the support given by the membership during the 1985 Ingathering campaign. Our members are also engaged in missionary work in the community. New members have been brought in, and others are now in the baptismal classes. On Sabbath May 10, four members were added. One of the candidates was brought to a knowledge of the truth through Mr. Henry Luke, a literature evangelist, and Mr. William Bellot, through the sale of literature and Bible studies in her home.

LADIES DAY AT VICTORY TEMPLE

Women's Day at Victory Temple in Buffalo, New York on May 17, 1986, started out like any typical Sabbath morning, but it certainly did not end that way. The much publicized day, that had been anticipated by all, including the men, had finally arrived.

Ladies came from near and far to hear the invincible Patrecia Langley of New York City. From early morning prayer service, Sabbath School general lesson study and so on, you knew Pat was in town!

During the divine worship hour, Ms. Langley was the keynote speaker, along with a rostrum of ladies from Victory Temple church leading out. The message highlighted various women in the Bible who played significant roles in history. She then challenged every lady in the standing room only congregation to arise their high calling and finish the work.

By sharing her personal experiences, many were impressed at how miraculously God had intervened. One that bears repeating was her experience in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Although she was placed in jail unfairly, she managed to win her case and win the Catholic judge to the Adventist church as a result of her effective witnessing.

To close, Ms. Langly admonished everyone to hold fast to that blessed hope until the end.

Barbara Winfield
Communications Secretary

N.B.C. CHORUS VISITS SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Sunday, May 25, 1986, The New Believers Chorus of the Ephesus church in New York City, presented a benefit concert in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The concert was to help the congregation secure a church school building.

The N.B.C. chorus left New York, Friday morning, May 23, at 1:00 AM and arrived in Spartanburg, Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM.

Travel expenses were paid by the choir members themselves so that all proceeds could go directly to the church school project. Before leaving New York, Mrs. Rosa Lee Jones, choir director, solicited funds from friends and N.B.C. members. Checks were presented to Mrs. Sarah Gibbs, sponsor of the program, totaling \$2,040.00

SOUTH CENTRAL



Mrs. Palmyra Hatchett.

PALMYRA HATCHETT HONORED

The Ephesus church in Paducah, Kentucky, held its Community Guest Day this year with Elder Fred N. Crowe, Treasurer of the South Central Conference, as guest speaker. Community Guest Day this year honored Mrs. Palmyra Hatchett. She came to Paducah as a Bible Worker for an evangelistic crusade held by Elder John McKinney some twenty years ago. At the conclusion of the crusade, Mrs. Hatchett remained to carry on the work of holding the souls that were won, and leading other souls to Christ. She also provided leadership, wisdom, and spiritual inspiration for the church. She has been one on the pillars of the Ephesus church. One of the souls led to Jesus Christ is Mrs. Dorothy Crowe, who became the wife of Elder Crowe. Dorothy Crowe spearheaded the Community Guest Day.

Palmyra Hatchett still carries the gospel door-to-door in books and literature, in Bible studies and visitations wherever people are in the city. She is still finding joy in telling others about Jesus and leading them to Christ.

HUNTSVILLE ADVENTIST APARTMENTS

On Sunday, April 27, 1986, the First Church of Huntsville, Alabama held a groundbreaking service for a 76 unit apartment complex for senior citizens and handicapped persons. The church had been working on the project for nearly three years, with the sponsorship of the South Central Conference. It is the sixth housing project sponsored by the South Central Conference, but the first to be managed by a local church.



Huntsville Adventist Apartments ground breaking 76 senior citizens.

During the fall of 1984, the Department of Housing and Urban Development gave approval to First church for the construction of the \$2.6 million dollar complex. On April 26 and 27th, the church invited the community to join in the ground-breaking and Sabbath celebration of the HUD approved facility, which will provide federally subsidized housing for the elderly and handicapped.

The activities included a special Sabbath morning worship service featuring Dr. Sylvia Barnes as speaker, a concert in the afternoon with guest choirs from the community, and the ground-breaking that was held on the purchased building site Sunday at 3 p.m. The site is on Venona Way near Mastin Lake Road.

D.B. Reid is the interim pastor of the First church and was the interim pastor when

the gymnasium day-care was constructed.

In the spring of each year applications for such federally funded housing are invited, and only non-profit corporations are eligible. Applicants are invited to submit proposals which in turn are evaluated on a competitive basis. Such applications require much time and know-how to be properly prepared. The accepted applicant is announced in the fall of the year. There are two more endorsements each requiring piles of paperwork, the organization of acceptable corporations, boards of directors, and a small outlay of cash.

The Huntsville Times newspaper carried a six column spread of the ground-breaking celebration the day before the actual ground-breaking took place, on April 27.

"The building, the first of its kind in Huntsville to be sponsored by a black church, is one of several HUD 202 projects sponsored by Seventh-day Adventist churches throughout the southeast," the Huntsville Times pointed out.

John Bailey served as chairman of the Board of Directors of Huntsville Adventist Apartments, Inc., which is the registered owner of the project. Elder Harold Kibble, former pastor of First Church, served as the secretary of the Board of Directors until he was transferred to another district and then D.B. Reid was placed as interim pastor. Elder Reid followed through as if it was his own idea.

Neil R. Anthony, the Public Relations Secretary of the church gave the story to the media. The church members and friends and the parents of children who are kept by the day-care center joined in the weekend celebration, with the First Church pastor, the conference president and secretary.

"It really started with three sisters in our church who thought it would be good to have a place for these old people to go." Mrs. Anthony told the press. "Instead of just a day-care-center, we talked about housing the elderly, a place where they could have someone to look after them and where they could have a clean, well-kept facility."

Elder Reid said that the housing is just one facet of the community outreach sponsored by the church. He noted the efforts of the Seventh-day Adventist Community Service Center, which provides clothing, shoes and food to those in need, regardless of religious persuasion. The center also provides financial assistance on a limited basis.

"We're trying to do service to the entire community," Reid concluded. "Just pray for us."

Dr. C.E. Dudley, president of the conference was one of the noted speakers at the ground-breaking. He indicated that the real value of any Christian, be it individual or organization, is its desire to help others.

It was pointed out that the church was to receive no money for their part in the program, and the conference and the board of directors are to receive no money for their service. It's all done on a volunteer basis.

"It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ—Christ's Object Lessons, p. 69."

DISTRICT CHANGES

H.L. Cleveland from Hillcrest in Nashville to Conference Office as Personal Ministries, and Ministerial Secretary.

Shelton Kilby has added to the Music Ministeries, Sabbath School, and Communication Departments.

W. Harold Kibble from First church in Huntsville, AL to Jackson, Brownsville, and Humboldt, Tennessee district.

P.N. Smith from Jackson, Tennessee district to Columbus, Amory, West Point, MS.

Alfred Fraser from the Columbus, MS district to Publishing Department Associate in Louisville, Kentucky.

R.L. Willis from Shiloh in Chicago, IL to First church in Huntsville, AL.

D. B. REIDS CELEBRATE 50TH

Elder and Mrs. D. B. Reid celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 1 at the First Church of Huntsville. He has served the church in many places throughout the Caribbean and in North America. He served as a pastor/evangelist; she as a church school teacher. Thousands rejoice in the truth today because of their labors. They have two children Egbert Reid of Washington, D.C. and Joslyn Thomas of Huntsville,

Alabama. Many of the church members joined with the family members in this happy occasion. Among these were C. E. Dudley and his wife—who began their ministry under Elder and Mrs. Reid in Knoxville, Tennessee.

A sad note during the celebration was the news of the passing of Elder Reid's late living brother who lived in Jamacia. The brother was the second of three ministers in the Reid family to pass. Pray for the Reids.

HADLEY HOSPITAL TO OPEN ITS NEW FACILITY

President Albert L. Dudley announces that the new hospital facility at the Hadley Memorial Hospital will open its door with ceremonial rites on September 28 and 29, 1986. The hospital is the last existing predominately Black hospital that was established by Seventh-day Adventists during the 1940's. The hospital is enjoying appreciable growth under the blessings of heaven and the leadership of President's Dudley's administration. A goodly number of qualified professionals are joining the Hadley team. Last month, the entire nursing student body from Oakwood College visited the facility with prospects of working there.



D.B. Reid, celebrates 80th.



A. Dudley, president of Hadley Hospital.

SOUTHEASTERN

CHURCH MEMBER HONORED FOR SOUL-WINNING

Community Guest Day at Shiloh SDA Church, Ocala, FL., hosted over 70 persons from the community. Elder Dennis Ross, Jr., (now Co-Director for Church Growth in the Southern Union Conference) delivered the message for the hour of worship.

The Sabbath School Department presented Mrs. Isabel Chambers with a plaque and bouquet of flowers for her many years of service as a dedicated soul winner. Her community involvement has taken her to Leesburg, Tampa, Williston, and Ocala, Florida.

Present for the occasion were some of her converts and individuals with whom she worked in the community.

SOUTHEASTERN OPENS ITS DOOR TO THEIR OWN

First it was two suites then three at 801 W. Highway 436, Altamonte Springs, Florida. These were the headquarters for the Southeastern Conference operations. For five years God blessed the activities of His work out of those cramped quarters. It was from that humble setting that the growth and development of the Lord's work was seen. Everyone anticipated the day when the conference would be under its own 'vine of fig tree.'

Then it came. The conference acquired a building located at 180 Estmonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, for \$525,000.00. This ended a long search in the Orlando area by realtors Mrs. Pauline Paul, Mrs. Doris Ware, Mrs. Celia Trumble, to name a few, and office personnel who followed every lead and sign of vacant land or building.

Adventist Building Services, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Geieger contractors were contacted and contracted to remodel the one year-old building to suit the varying needs of the work. James Merrified, architect, redesigned the interior and provided Geiger with specifications. Mrs. Connie Grove, interior designer, worked untiringly to color coordinate and furnish the lovely setting from which now issues the church's work.

After three months, on May 18, 1986 the doors were finally thrown open for service to the constituency and the public. Scores of individuals came to witness the memorable occasion and to rejoice in what God had accomplished.



Home headquarters for Southeastern Conference, Altamonte Springs, Florida.



A plaque is presented to Mrs. Isabel Chambers for her soul-winning efforts. Standing are converts along with George Murray, Pastor of Shiloh SDA Church, Ocala, Florida.

At the dedicatory ceremony and open house, A.C. McClure, President of the Southern Union Conference, R.B. Hairston, President of South Atlantic Conference, M. Gordon, President of Florida Conference, and Mardian Blair, President of Sunbelt gave remarks.

President J.A. Edgecomb, the officers, departmental men and staff witnessed another milestone in the progress of the conference. Elder Edgecombe has given good leadership to the work. He and his Executive Committee have executed good fiscal responsibility and ought to be commended for the vision, work insight and implementation of their plans.

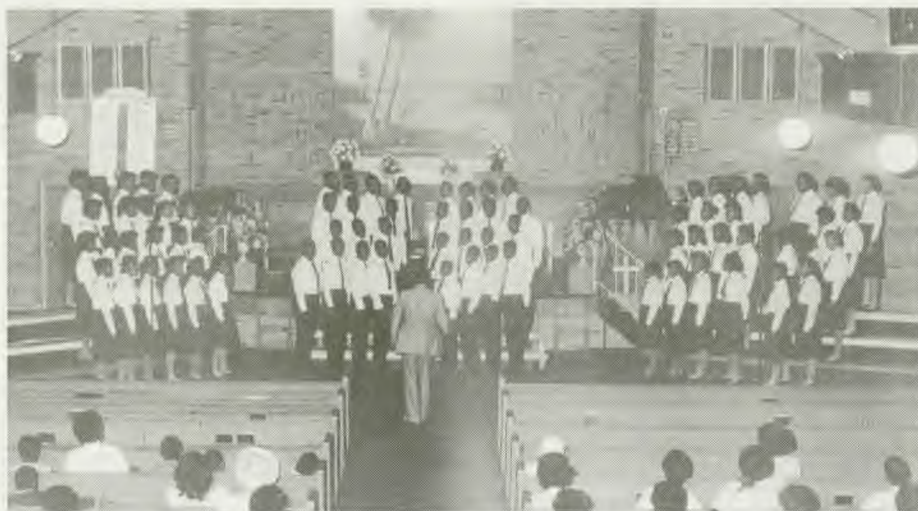
"The printed word of truth is to be translated into different languages, and carried to the ends of the earth.—Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 16."

EDUCATION DAY AT EPHEBUS

'The Rape of the Mind' was the title of the sermon delivered by Pastor H. Davis, Sr. for Education Day at Ephesus Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Parents were admonished to provide organization and discipline in the home for their children. Stressed were the facts that Christian education involves the preparation not only of the head, but hand and heart as well.

Mrs. Delores Davis, Asst. Principal of Ephesus Jr. Academy, Jacksonville, directed the school's chorus, accompanied by Mrs. Eleanor Folson at the organ and Mrs. Eula Washington, at the piano.

Dr. Alfred A. Boateng, PH.D., Chairman of the School Board and his staff gave recognition to the pastor, faculty members and students for their outstanding services rendered during the 85-86 school year.



Ribault Junior High School Chorus rendering a concert at Ephesus S.D.A. church, Jacksonville, Florida for the closing of the 16th church anniversary program, April 26, 1986, 6 p.m. in the church auditorium.

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY FOR EPHESUS

Ephesus SDA Church, Jacksonville, FL., celebrated its 16th anniversary April 19-26, 1986. Mrs. Johnnie Mae Wilson was the chairperson.

Elder H.L. Cleveland, pastor in Nashville, TN, R.A. Sloan, Pastor in Durham, NC, J.A. Edgecombe, President of Southeastern Conference, Mrs. Delores Davis, Mrs. Rhonda Polite and H.L. Davis, Pastor of Ephesus were the principal speakers. A mass choir, Jaye Chalameers directed by E. Rahming, The Angelic Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, and Heavenly Voices supplied the music. The Ribault Junior High School Chorus gave a concert in the church's auditorium, a finale to the week long celebration.

Pastor Davis and his congregation took time to reflect on the progress and blessings over the years.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED IN SOUTHEASTERN

'Exaltons Notre Divin Maitre', 'We're Marching to Zion' were the joyful strains heard at the opening moments of the organization of the newest church in the Southeastern Conference.

The Bethel SDA Church in West Palm Beach, FL, is a group of French believers who previously worshipped in the Ephesus SDA Church, Benjamin Browne, Pastor.

Elder J.A. Edgecombe, President of Southeastern officiated at the organization exercise. Five persons were named charter members and 17 adults and several children were present to

become the first members. Other participants in the program were Matthieu Alexander who conducted the song service, Pierre Massillon, who gave the history of the church and Pastor G. Nozea of the Belleglade-French the scripture and prayer.

Pastor Benjamin Browne gave \$250.00 from the Ephesus SDA Church and welcomed them to their new worship facilities at 528 Norwood Rd. West Palm Beach, Florida. This was the group's first worship exercise in their new sanctuary.

SOLOIST PERFORMS IN THE HOLY LAND

Camellia Johnson, born in Wilmington, Delaware, grew up with her mother Mrs. Bernice Baker in Palatka, Florida.

She attended and graduated from Central Academy High School, Bethune Cookman, Daytona Beach Fla. and received a M.A. degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York City.

Ms. Johnson teaches music education at the Harlem School of the arts and is a faithful member of the Mt. of Olives SDA Church in Brooklyn, New York.

She was a soloist for the Bethune-Cookman College on Tour to the Holy Land. She performed 'Samson' with the Man School of Music. Serves as a Mezzo Soprano with the Marble Collegiate Church, Norman Vincent Peale, Pastor. Worked with the Porgy & Bess cast 1985-1986. Her most significant accomplishment was her debut as a Soloist with the Metropolitan Opera of New York in the Fall of 1985. The New York Time and Daily News gave good reviews.

Her future plans are to have a formal audition with Mr. James Levine at the Metropolitan Opera. Ms. Johnson who grew up in the church, remains loyal to her God and uses her talents to glorify Him in and around New York and wherever called.

QUEEN AND KING CROWNED FOR RAISING FUNDS

Mt. Olivet SDA Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL., recently held its Springs Youth Festival April 25-27, 1986. The week-end festivities included:

1. Inspirational Sermons
2. Career Education Presentations
3. Youth King and Queen selection
4. Bailey Concert Hall-Musical Extravaganza featuring 'THE BROTHERS' of Washington D.C. and other youth in the area.

The Friday evening service was the beginning of a planned week-end of spiritual and cultural enrichment for the youth and members of the Ft. Lauderdale District. Elder O.H. Paul, Superintendent of Education for Southeastern Conference, presented a thought-provoking challenge on the importance of Christian Education.

The Divine Worship Service on Sabbath was inclusive of youth as participants, and Dr. Norwide Marshall, Associate Director of Education-Southern Union Conference, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Marshall stressed the importance of the church working together to encourage and financially assist young people in acquiring a Christian education. The A.Y.S. hour featured the boys and girls of the Ft. Lauderdale District SDA School with songs and recitations. The program included a presentation of Southern College by Elder W. Davis and Vespers was given by Dr. N. Marshall. A career Education Display with college bulletins and applications from many of our Adventist Colleges ended the program.

A Fine Arts Showcase featured, 'The Brothers' of Washington D.C. and Youth of the District held at the Bailey Concert Hall-Broward Community College. The highlight of the Showcase was the Coronation of the King/Queen scholarship. Carla Renee Byrd, was selected as Queen and John Wells, Jr., King. These young people were selected based on funds raised. Carla Byrd raised \$955.00 and John Wells, Jr. \$517.00. Other participants were Daffodil Otto and Excel Otto. Elder O.H. Paul, Pastor W.C. Byrd, and district teachers C. Francis and W. Rachel hosted the Coronation.

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OAKWOOD COLLEGE



Elder John Nixon thunders home his point as divine worship speaker for Oakwood Homecoming 1986.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE ALUMNI WEEKEND

The voice of John Nixon resounded through the main arena of the Von Braun Civic Center in Huntsville, Alabama, as he addressed a gathering of over 8,000 alumni and guests attending the divine worship services of the 19th annual Oakwood College Alumni Homecoming Weekend, honoring the classes of the sixties from 1906 to 1986. This weekend of activity has become an annual event in Huntsville, the nation's tenth fastest growing city.

Nixon, a graduate of the class of 1976, and pastor of the Hanson Place SDA church in Brooklyn, New York, spoke on the importance of knowing Jesus and being known by Him.

Oakwood has always been known for its music, and Homecoming was a perfect opportunity to sample some, as Wintley Phipps, Clifton Davis, and Duane Hamilton, all Oakwood College Graduates, participated on various programs during the weekend.

Athletic events of various kinds were held on the campus, but the one event that has become a tradition is the Annual Alumni Fun Run. It's a three mile event which features runners of various age categories. Several individuals from the community participated as well as Alumni Weekend visitors.

Each year the weekend activities are coordinated by the office of alumni affairs, Minneola Dixon director, and the officers of the national alumni association, Lee Paschal president, Garland Dulan vice president and coordinator of Homecoming activities.



Chinese Ambassador Liang Yu-Fan.

AMBASSADOR LIANG YU-FAN

Chinese Ambassador Liang Yu-Fan took time out to visit Oakwood College in April, while in Huntsville attending a conference sponsored by the North Alabama International Trade Association.

"It wasn't in his schedule," says Mrs. Alma Foggo York, Director of International and Governmental Affairs. "Talking to him, I simply suggested that he come and see our school."

The Ambassador was the keynote speaker at a dinner held at the Hilton on April 1st. He addressed four major issues: (1) The status of China's modernization program, (2) Getting into/expanding the Chinese market, (3) Overcoming the trade obstacles in China, and (4) High-technological trade opportunities in China. Other guests included Mike Gillespi, chairman of Madison County Commission, Huntsville's Mayor Joe Davis; and a delegation from the United Nations.

York, who is also on the board for the Council of International Visitors, attended the convention. She described the Ambassador as a "very pleasant and nice person".

She says, "He and I discussed an opportunity for exchange students and more involvement with trade opportunities at Oakwood College, which he graciously accepted. He also visited Alabama A & M University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

"He was impressed with Oakwood," says York. "We are just sorry that he did not have a chance to mingle with the students. But he is a very busy man."

According to York, over eight international guests have visited the campus. "These acquaintances have international impact," she states. "We are always willing to have them."



Literature evangelists hold a banquet at Oakwood.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

On Wednesday, March 19, 1986, the activities of the Literature Evangelism Annual institute of Oakwood College, commenced with a chapel program at the C. E. Moseley Complex.

The theme of this four day series of meetings was: "God has called us. The people need us. We can do the job." This theme reflected the sense of urgency on the part of the leading publishing men of North America, and the faithful student literature evangelists.

Gathered were conference directors, associates, the coordinator and associate of the literature evangelist program. These progressive leaders came to recruit leaders for the big summer literature evangelism campaign.

On Sabbath, Elder T.R. Smith gave the divine worship message. Later in the day, to culminate the activities, a special banquet was held to honor the student literature evangelists. This took place in the Oakwood College cafeteria. Several distinguished guests and faculty members were present, among them the president of Oakwood College, Dr. B.F. Reaves. Others present were Dr. Danny Blanchard, Elder Ted and Robert Smith of the Southern Union and General Conference, Elder Sandy Robinson of the Review & Herald, as well as other publishing leaders.

The program for the evening featured poetry by Robert Thomas, Shermete Brown, and Maurice Berry; music by Karol Berry, a duet by Ken Warren and John Parker, an oration by Mrs. Marvella Burton, Wendall Dormer and Robin Jen-

kins were crowned canvassing King and Queen for the academic year.

WALKMAN EVANGELISM

The voice on the other end conjured up no familiar name. "Is this WOCG FM? May I speak to the manager please?" Don McPhaul, General manager of Oakwood College radio in Huntsville, Alabama found himself speaking to a man whose words were to be like rain in the desert. Though the name was never told, the story he related established a sense of kinship. He worked on an assembly line at a Chrysler Engineering plant in Huntsville and like many other workers, sported a Walkman type portable radio headset. While others bounced to the thundering beat of rock, he thought, he would privately listen to the sermon messages presented each evening on WOCG's 'Hour of Power' Broadcast. As he worked and listened he noticed something unusual happening. While listening he noted that each time he laughed others working around him laughed and when he was touched and tears welled in his eyes six or seven others around him were 'blinking' back the tears as well. They all wore the belt clip radios. They had all, without prior arrangement tuned in WOCG FM and the 'Hour of Power' and had begun to feel the Holy Spirit's firm but gentle tug on their hearts.

The listener had called for information about the speaker, Elder C.D. Brooks, his denomination and where he could obtain more of the messages. Station Manager McPhaul states that this event demonstrates the effectiveness of Christian radio in reaching people who are gener-

ally not in religious settings. WOCG broadcasts at 90.1 FM in the Northern Alabama region of the Tennessee-Valley.

WOCG TRANSMITTER

Oakwood's campus radio station, WOCG, received a new 10,000 watt FM transmitter this week.

The new transmitter became necessary after the station's 5,000 watt transmitter was burned out by lightning. According to Don McPhaul, the station's general manager, the new transmitter will carry signals up to 75 miles out.

"It is going to increase our listening area almost 100 percent," he says. "We will be reaching Athens and Decatur; two major cities in Alabama."

But that is not all that is happening at WOCG. It is being furnished with 88 square yards of carpet. Garden Groves Produce Center and the Ink Spot, two local businesses, joined together to donate the carpet.

"We feel that WOCG is providing a service in the community and we just wanted to help them continue to do that," says Don West, one of the owners of the Garden Groves Produce Center.

McPhaul is grateful for the donation. He commented, "We needed new carpet."

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY'S BLACK STUDENTS EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS

During a recent visit to Andrews University, a special committee of Black Conference presidents found these concerns among the Black Student body. They stated: "Here at the seminary the BASA has been made aware of the absence of minority adoption into the total seminary program and planning. The BASA feels that there needs to be some basic philosophical changes in the attitude of the governing bodies who design the curriculum here at the Andrews Theological Seminary. We are aware that in former years, the attitude of the men who attended Andrews was only to endure privation and non-acceptance for a season. In many cases the men who left the seminary were deprived of a meaningful educational process. . . Out of the nine existing SDA seminaries around the world only Andrews is asked to serve a heterogeneous constituency.

Therefore we hold that there should be a greater adoption and ultimately a greater absorption of the minority groups into the seminary. This should be achieved by constructing a curriculum that is relevant and practical."

Six points of grave concern were: (1) Black scholars sponsored for the Ph.D and Th.D programs. Few, if any, North American Blacks have been admitted to these programs. (2) Black Theology—Growth and Development. Black instructors at the school are very few in number. The Black student will basically serve the members of his/her own people when the studies are completed. (3) Curriculum Relevance — Five to ten years from now, should time last, the leaders of the church around the world will be Black (people of color). The changing times are dictating this. The last General Conference Session in New Orleans reports showed the world membership to be three-fourths of people of color. Leadership should be trained to serve these people of different lands around the globe. The training for service should come from Andrews. The school must address the needs of these different cultures with which the leadership must concern itself. (4) Employment Interview and Hiring Practices—Although this is a world church the placement officers do not seek to place the Black graduate in jobs within or outside of the church. The Regional Conferences of the North American Division is unable to hire all of the students of color who graduate from the colleges and universities of this division. Overseas employment should be offered as well as in the various institutions of the church. (5) Models for Ministry—The Black needs a role model in training for future leadership after graduation. The instructors are natives of South Africa, France, Germany, Australia, England who cannot feel the needs of students from other backgrounds. (6) North American Division Evangelism Institute — a Chicago based (Illinois Conference) part of the training program fails to prepare the Black student of the ninth quarter to accept the challenges of the real church that he/she will be serving upon graduation. An appeal is being made to the leaders in Washington to give proper attention to these concerns.

RUCKER GETS NEW POST

Womack Rucker, Jr. former president of the Riverside Hospital of Nashville, Tennessee began in his new post of assistant to the president for Meharry Medical College on June 1. Rucker has been working with the Adventist Health Systems-Sunbelt for the past three years after the sale of Riverside Hospital to the American Health Corporation. Although he is no longer employed by the S.D.A.

church, Rucker feels that he will be able to make a meaningful contribution to his church as well as to the community in which he shall be serving.

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The Message to Africa program is an original plan to make Message Magazine available on the continent of Africa to as many different countries as possible at the lowest price possible. The program was presented at the time of the Pan-African Youth Congress that was held in Kenya. Delbert Baker, the editor, reports that over 22,000 subscriptions to the journal were received during his stay there. We hope that each congregation in the South Central Conference has taken advantage of this opportunity to share the faith of our fathers through the uses of Message Magazine. Let all of the subscriptions be in the hands of the ABC staff no later than the end of June.

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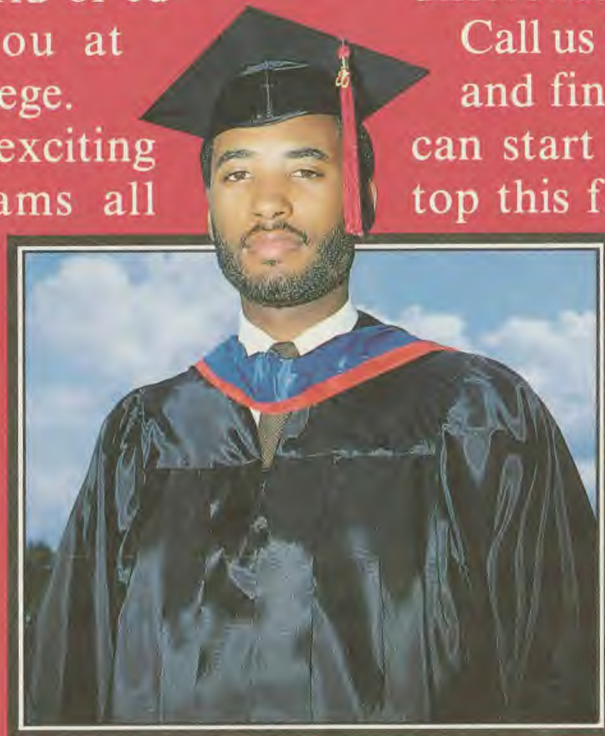
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